

OUR TROOPS MUST PRESS ON TO PEKIN

This Course Justified by Conger's Latest Message.

EVIDENCE OF TRICKERY

Chinese Government Has Misrepresented the Situation to the Ministers at Peking in Order to Get Them Out of the City—The Officials at Washington Still Uncertain as to Whether Any Messages Have Reached Mr. Conger—No Satisfactory Answers Have Been Received of Queries That Have Been Addressed to Him.

Washington, Aug. 10.—In the light of latest dispatches from Minister Conger, received by the state department through Minister Wu today, the attitude of the administration is that there is but one thing to be done in the present circumstances, namely, to press on to the relief of the beleaguered garrison at Peking. This was made known after extended communications between Washington and the president at Canton. The Conger dispatch was accepted as showing conclusive justification for the imperative demand of the United States sent to the Chinese government on Wednesday night.

The Conger dispatch was received before daylight at the Chinese legation, and as soon as the official day official Minister Wu, presented it to the Acting Secretary Adee at the state department. It was in the American cipher, and was found to be an identical note with that of the other ministers at Peking (that of the French minister, M. Pichon, already appeared), with the additional fact that seven members of the American guard had been killed and sixteen wounded. The text of the message is as follows:

Conger's Message. Secretary of the State, Washington. The following is the text of the diplomatic note which the various foreign governments have repeatedly asked through the respective Chinese ministers that we immediately depart from Peking under suitable escort. The message is dated of our departure. Our reply is that we will not leave our posts. I must inform you that in order to insure our safe departure, foreign troops only can escort us and they must be in sufficient force to insure our safety. We are including 200 women and children and 3,000 native Christians, who cannot be abandoned to certain massacre. We cannot accept a Chinese escort under any circumstances. The Chinese are despatching the foreign troops to their respective governments. Of the American marines seven have been killed and sixteen wounded. Among the latter are Captains May and Dr. Lippitt, who are getting along well. (Signed) Conger.

The discussion with the president led to the determination to reply to the Conger message at once, and accordingly Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adee conferred on the terms of this reply. The text was ready by 3 o'clock, and it was forwarded late in the day. It was announced officially and positively that this message would not be made public, either in whole or in substance. It was made plain, however, that the message was sufficiently guarded as not to further increase the jeopardy of our minister in case the Chinese have access to our cipher. As to the terms of the message, they are believed to make plain that this government will not advise, much less direct, that Mr. Conger leave Peking under Chinese escort, when the minister has advised Washington that this would mean certain death. Moreover, the reply doubtless lets the ministers know that there is an unaccountable error in the statement of the Chinese government, as conveyed to him through the tsung-li-yamen, that the foreign governments had urged repeatedly that the ministers be sent out of Peking under suitable escort. This clause, contained in Mr. Conger's latest dispatch, clearly shows that the Chinese government is leading him to believe that it is the wish of Washington that he leave under a Chinese escort, whereas the United States government never has entertained for a moment the idea of having the minister set out on the dangerous pilgrimage from Peking to the coast under Chinese protection.

There is no probability that the attention of the Chinese government will be directed to its apparent double dealing, as indicated by the Conger dispatch. This government has transmitted the note to the other powers interested in the note to the Chinese government entrusted to Minister Wu on the night of the 8th. It has assurances from the other powers that they have not advised their representatives to accept Chinese escort from Peking. It was officially stated at the close of the day that no further representations have been made to the Chinese government since the note of the 8th, and that none would be made until the Chinese government had given some indication of the attitude it will assume, complying with or denying the demands of the United States.

There Are Still Doubts. While the state department is continuing to dispatch messages to Minister Conger upon the assurance of the Chinese government that communication

is uninterrupted, it is doing so with comparatively small hope of their delivery. This assertion was borne out tonight when Secretary Root said that there was no convincing evidence in the possession of this government that any of the dispatches really had reached Minister Conger. This indicates that the minister has not given a direct and satisfactory answer to any of the queries that have been addressed him by the department of state.

TERRORS OF THE HEATED TERM

Five Deaths and Twenty Prostrations at Philadelphia—The Thermometer Continues to Jump at Pittsburgh.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—The intense heat today resulted in five deaths and twenty prostrations. The fatalities were: Daniel Drum, found dead in bed; John Bradley, aged 20 years; Charles Boss, aged 45; Lewis Glavin, 8 months, and Marc Sanderson, 11 months. The maximum temperature was reached at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the government thermometer on top of the postoffice building registered 97 degrees. The minimum was 73 degrees at 3:40 this morning. At 8 o'clock the mercury had risen to 85, and by 10 o'clock had jumped to 92. At noon three additional degrees were noted and at 2 o'clock 96 degrees were registered. The mean temperature was 88, twelve above normal. The average for the past four days was higher than any similar period on record. The local forecast officials say thunderstorms may be expected at any time, but that they will afford only temporary relief. Many large factories throughout the city are working on half time, the heat of the afternoons being too great for the employees to endure.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 10.—Instead of going lower the thermometer jumped up a few degrees today, reaching 95 on the government instrument. Five deaths and six prostrations are directly attributable to the hot weather. They are: Mrs. Isaphane Burns, Michael Keszinger, Tony Lenz, Charles J. Ingold and Charles F. Weaver. Chicago, Aug. 10.—Nineteen deaths and fifteen prostrations resulted from the excessive heat here today. The temperature was above 90 for the greater part of the day, and for one hour of the afternoon it rose to 95 degrees. New York, Aug. 10.—Eleven persons died here today from the excessive heat which has been torturing humanity in this locality for some days and still continues, with little prospect of a let up. The greatest suffering is endured by the people of the lower East Side districts, which are so thickly populated. The infant mortality is very great. At 3 o'clock this morning the government thermometer registered 94 degrees. It gradually climbed up to 94 degrees at 6 o'clock this evening. Then it slowly dropped to 82 degrees at midnight. At 4 o'clock steady thermometers registered 100 degrees.

DENIAL FROM ADMIRAL DEWEY Says He Did Not Desert We Were at War with China.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Admiral Dewey said today in an interview published account of an interview with him on Philippine and Chinese affairs: "My attention has been drawn to the article as published in the Brooklyn Eagle. I made use of no words saying or intimating that 'whatever show of resistance to our authority there is at the present time in the Philippines will be kept up until after our election in November. The insurrection is kept alive by the leaders, who hold out to the soldiers the hope of Bryan's election.' Neither did I say or intimate that in my opinion a state of war exists between this country and China. These statements attributed to me are absolutely incorrect."

Pennsylvania Prohibitionists.

Pittsburg, Aug. 10.—The prohibitionists are preparing for an aggressive campaign in Pennsylvania this fall. State Chairman Jones said yesterday that he was the intention to have the national candidates spend a week in this state during October. He will arrive in Pittsburg on Saturday night. A big meeting will be held at Philadelphia, will be made. It is the plan to have the candidates address about thirty five meetings.

Texas Democratic Nominations.

Waco, Texas, Aug. 10.—The Democratic state convention today nominated the following ticket: Governor, J. R. Sayers; lieutenant governor, S. M. Smith; commissioner of the land office, Chas. Cowan; comptroller, R. M. Lovv; state treasurer, J. M. Holding. The platform adopted gave substance to the nomination of Bryan and Stevenson and to the Kansas City platform.

Drowned in the Surf.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 10.—Charles Roddy, of Lancaster, Pa., aged about 25 years, an employee of the Union Trust company, was drowned while bathing in the surf at 8:30 o'clock this morning. Although Roddy's cries for help were heard by those on the beach they were powerless to aid him.

Will Be Hanged for Assault.

Maricopa, Ga., Aug. 10.—Samuel Robinson, a negro, charged with criminal assault on Mrs. George Haver, was today convicted and sentenced to hang Sept. 1. He confessed after conviction. Two companies of Georgia militia guarded him from mob violence on the trip to and from this place. He is now at Atlanta for safe keeping.

REQUEST GOBIN NOT TO RETIRE

LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIM BY HIS COLONELS.

The General Was Much Affected and Announced That He Would Give the Request His Earnest Consideration—Last Day of the Thirtieth in Camp—Reveille Will Be Sounded This Morning at 4 O'Clock—The Ninth Broke Camp Yesterday Afternoon—Notes of the Camp.

Special from a Staff Correspondent. Camp Hawkins, Mt. Gretna, Pa., Aug. 10.—The colonels of the five regiments comprising the Third brigade waited on General Gobin at his headquarters this afternoon and presented him with the following letter as a token of their respect:

General J. P. S. Gobin, commanding Third Brigade, N. G. P. Sir: The regimental commanders of your brigade having notified in the public press an intention upon your part that you had resigned your command, we have to say that it is not only the unanimous wish of the regimental commanders, but of every man in the brigade that you should remain in command. It is not necessary for us to assure you that you enjoy in a most marked degree the absolute confidence and loyal and devoted affection of every officer and man in your brigade.

During your long service in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, as a captain, colonel, and for the last three years as commander of the Third brigade, you have so impressed yourself on the National Guard, and especially in your present command, that we cannot but feel that it would be a serious loss to the brigade and to the National Guard should you retire at this time. Very respectfully, C. R. Dougherty, Colonel Ninth Regiment, L. A. Waters, Colonel Tenth Regiment, C. M. Clement, Colonel Twelfth Regiment, Theo. F. Hoffman, Colonel Eighth Regiment, C. T. O'Neill, Colonel Fourth Regiment.

The general was much affected and announced that he would give the request careful consideration before deciding whether or not he would retire. The weather today was just as hot as any experienced previously and as a consequence there were no drills in the afternoon. The general's order of the day today and tomorrow has everything included by 8 o'clock, which is leaving time. Colonel Waters ordered that there be none of the last night's raising of Cain which generally accompanies the closing of a camp and is determined that the men shall sleep. The Ninth regiment broke camp this afternoon at 2 o'clock and left at about 7 o'clock for home. Captain Gilman, of the Tenth regiment, was the day today and Lieutenant Ezra Rippe, of Company D, officer of the guard.

SCALPERS ARRESTED.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 10.—George Emig, Charles O'Donnell and Andrew Thompson, who were arrested yesterday on the charge of "ticket scalping," on complaint of Detective D. Miles Rigor, of the Pennsylvania railroad, had been held in jail for trial. Detective Rigor at the hearing testified that he had purchased several tickets over the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad and some Pittsburgh at prices ranging from \$3 to nearly \$9 each.

O'Donnell and Emig pleaded guilty, and were held under \$500 bail for trial. Thompson was held under a similar amount of bail, but entered a plea of not guilty. He claimed that two acquaintances had left at a hotel where he is employed two tickets, one of Pittsburgh tickets, to be sold by any one who happened to be in charge of the place; that he had handed the tickets to the man who he said he wanted to purchase a ticket to Pittsburgh, and that he had received the money paid for them in the same envelope, which was marked with the owner's name.

SENATOR BUTLER ABSENT.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The executive committee of the Populist party today decided to call a meeting of the national committee of that party to be held at the city of Chicago, on the question of filling the vacancy on the presidential ticket occasioned by Mr. Towne's declination of the nomination for the vice presidency will be disposed of. Eight out of ten of the members of the executive committee were present. Senator Butler, chairman of the committee, was one of the absentees. He made no explanation of his failure to attend, and the other members are at a loss to account for it.

YELLOW FEVER AT HAVANA.

Fifty-two Cases Are Under Treatment—Eighteen Americans. Havana, Aug. 10.—Fifty-two cases of yellow fever are now under treatment in Havana. Of the victims, eighteen are Americans. Thus far the mortality rate has been about 25 per cent. of those attacked.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Aug. 10.—William H. Tripp, of Scranton, has been granted a pension of \$6 a month.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Doylesport, Pa., Aug. 10.—Nathan C. James, one of the oldest members of the Bucks county bar, died at his home here today, aged 78 years. Mr. James was admitted to the bar in 1851 and was the second person elected to the office of district attorney in Bucks county under the act of 1850.

Constantinople, Aug. 10.—Djeval Pasta, the former grand vizier, is dead.

BUSINESS MORE STABLE.

Rosy View of the Situation Given by R. G. Dun & Co.

New York, Aug. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Progress has been made toward a more stable position of business with a few more heavy contracts to hold the ground already gained. London sales of 40,000 shares of stock and some bonds, and American purchases of the new foreign loan, explain why gold goes out in the face of foreign commerce returns which show for New York alone, for the week, an excess of exports over imports of more than \$5,000,000.

Cotton fell so sharply that some recovery ensued in an oversold speculative market and spot sold at 10 cents when the official report appeared, notwithstanding many indications of further reduction in consumption. Wheat advanced about a cent, helped by poor foreign crop reports. The domestic outlook is fairly cheerful, and farmers have marketed freely, receipts at interior cities aggregating 6,257,581 bushels against 3,918,216 last year. Exports from Atlantic ports were only 1,720,962 bushels wheat, flour included, against 2,653,541 last year, although purchases on foreign account were large and promise an increased movement hereafter. Corn gained nearly two cents, with the aid of dry weather reports and is eight cents above the price at this time last year. Both receipts and exports for the week fell more than a million bushels than the same week in 1899.

Improvement is slow in boots and shoes, with only a small percentage of eastern shops at work. The textile markets have been free from such features as marked the recent months of prices, but business is of fair volume. In woolen goods orders are not up to expectations, and some serge sell lower. The tone of the raw wool market is firmer, though prices are unchanged.

Although the conference at Chicago recently failed to agree to reduce the output of pig iron, individuals have acted independently, and on Aug. 1 only 240 furnaces were in blast, with a weekly capacity of 244,429 tons, according to the Iron Age. This compares with a production of 233,412 July 1, by 284 furnaces, and 267,672 a year ago by 187 plants. Present figures are the lowest since March, 1899, when the weekly capacity was 428,129 tons. Furnace stocks are 565,341 tons. The total July 1. Reduction of capacity is larger in proportion than the recent accumulation of stocks. A smaller output of pig, with steadily increasing exports, and moderate activity in structural and finished iron, promises to put this industry on a more satisfactory basis. Prices have steadied on the lower level in most directions, but in some products the struggle is still on between buyers and sellers. A serious feature in the wage controversy, which extends over the territory. Production of coke decreases in proportion to the smaller output of iron. Failures for the week were 177 in the United States, against 136 last year, and 23 in Canada, against 29 last year.



DIRECTOR-GEN. SHENG, CHINESE TELEGRAPH SERVICE

This is the first authentic photograph ever offered to the Western World of the notorious Sheng, Director General of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph System, who is one of the most mendacious of all the mendacity-manufacturing mandarins of Kwang Su's barbarous empire. This photograph was taken at Tien-Tsin, shortly before the capture of that city by the allies. It shows Sheng in his workaday costume.

FITZSIMMONS DOWNS THE AKRON GIANT

GUS RUHLIN KNOCKED OUT IN THE SIXTH ROUND.

A Fierce Fight at Madison Square Garden Last Evening Is Witnessed by a Large Audience—The Ohioan Is Put to Sleep by the Fearful Body Blows of Lanky Bob—The Fight by Rounds.

New York, Aug. 10.—Bob Fitzsimmons, of Australia, but now an American citizen, met Gus Ruhlín, the Akron Giant, tonight before the Twentieth Century club at Madison Square Garden, and won by knocking the Ohioan down and out in the sixth round. Before the fight, and for some weeks past, there have been many reports to the effect that Fitzsimmons was too old to cope successfully with his younger opponent. It was argued that Fitz's well-known knowledge of the game and his capability of hard hitting would not be able to counterbalance the youth and strength, as well as the recently acquired ring tactics, of the Ohio man. Then, however, all this has been changed. Fitzsimmons did the trick cleanly and cleverly. It was a fierce and bloody battle while it lasted, and at times it looked as if Ruhlín would get the better of the older man, but Fitz at the proper time would cut loose with his fearful body blows, which finally snuffed out the Ohio boxer's light.

The betting all along had favored Fitzsimmons, many wagers at the rate of 100 to 80 on Lanky Bob being made. Tonight, however, at the rigside there was a flush of Ruhlín money, which forced the odds to take a turn in Ruhlín's favor at the rate of 100 to 90. This state of affairs did not last long, however, and by the time the men put up their hands for the opening round they were equal favorites, even money being the rule.

Fitz conceded about thirty-two pounds to Ruhlín, and this in itself was a serious handicap. But the result showed Fitz was equal to the task he had set himself and won out with that terrible solar plexus blow, which, whenever it landed, shook Ruhlín from head to foot. From the word "go" the men started in with hurricane-like force. Both men were wild at times, but Fitz was always the quicker to steady himself. Ruhlín clinched a good deal and for three or four rounds was the aggressor. He landed some hard straight lefts on Fitzsimmons' face and swung his right to the body and head with fearful force. Several of these blows staggered Fitz, but none of them landed on the mark, as Fitz was too shifty. At times both missed swings with either hand, but many of Ruhlín's were dodged in the cleverest manner.

THE FINALE.

In the sixth round Ruhlín was slow in coming to time, while Fitz jumped at his man. Fitz got around Ruhlín and while the latter sent straight lefts for Fitz's head, Bob side stepped safely and landed lefts on the body and right to the head. With a volley of lefts on the body and right to the head and neck, and with a fearful left on the solar plexus, Fitz sent Ruhlín in a heap to the floor. This was the beginning of the end that soon followed. Ruhlín, after taking some seconds of the count arose to his feet. Fitz knew he had his man and was ready for him. As soon as Ruhlín got up, Fitz rushed, sending two lefts to the face, and then shot a right with fearful force to the point of Ruhlín's jaw. Gus pitched forward as if struck with an axe and fell on his face to the floor, where he was counted out and had to be carried to his corner.

Wild scenes were then enacted in and about the ring. It seemed as if every one in the building wanted to greet the winner or sympathize with the loser and the police officers had a busy quarter of an hour getting the people out of the building.

PEACE IS DESIRED BY CHINA

Li Hung Chang Has Been Authorized to Negotiate.

PEKIN'S IMPERIAL EDICT

Shanghai Reports That an Imperial Edict to That Effect Has Been Received There—Reiteration of the Statement That Russo-Japanese Force Is Moving on Peking from the North—3,000 French Troops to Be Landed at Shanghai Next Week.

London, Aug. 10.—An edict emanating from Peking and authorizing Li Hung Chang to negotiate with the powers for peace has, it is reported from Shanghai under yesterday's date, been received there.

The correspondents at Yokohama again send the statement that a Russo-Japanese force is moving on Peking from the north. The movement from number of that force and it is added kept secret in order to prevent accurate intelligence from reaching Peking.

The French consul at Shanghai says that 3,000 Annamite troops will arrive there next week for the protection of the French settlement.

China in Earnest. London, Aug. 11, 4:10 a. m.—The morning papers express satisfaction at the latest developments in China. The average comment is that China is now genuinely suing for peace through Li Hung Chang.

Dispatches printed this morning give further details of the taking of Yang-Tsun. According to the Daily Mail's correspondent, the attack was led by the Americans and British. The Chinese position consisted of several lines of entrenchments. The enemy fell back from one to another until, driven from the last line, they fled toward Peking completely demoralized. The Chinese say they retreated because the British "poured poison" into their troops. This refers to the lyddite shells, which the Chinese then experienced for the first time. The correspondent adds that the British casualties were 290 and Americans 250; but this latter estimate, it will be noticed, is four times greater than that of General Chaffee's report. A St. Petersburg special says the Chinese minister there, Yang Yu, has received a telegram announcing that Li Hung Chang is dangerously ill and confined to his bed, and that he has been granted a month's leave.

Another St. Petersburg dispatch asserts that the Russian general staff has been notified that the Chinese, 12,600 strong, are moving from Hu Nan and Hu Pei toward Peking and Tien Tsin. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News, writing Thursday, announces that the Chinese merchants are petitioning the authorities not to land troops. Washington, Aug. 10.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, is displaying a great deal of interest in the reports that Li Hung Chang has been appointed a minister plenipotentiary to negotiate peace with the powers. He said tonight that he had not received any confirmation of this, but that he has the implicit confidence of his government, the minister said, and his appointment to the place named would be an eminently appropriate one.

BRACCHI WAS VIOLENT.

A Richmond Anarchist Attempts to Assault a Witness. Richmond, Va., Aug. 10.—Alexander Bracchi, the alleged anarchist, who was arrested here on suspicion and upon complaint of the police, was threatened to blow St. Peter's cathedral up during the Italian demonstration in honor of King Humbert, created a sensation in the police court this morning by springing upon and striking the first witness against him. This incident practically ended the examination, as the police justice sentenced Bracchi to jail in default of \$1,000 security.

The witness the prisoner attacked was named Jacobini, and while on the stand not only repeated his statement that Bracchi told him three days before the assassination of King Humbert that the crime would be committed, but said further that two years ago Bracchi told him one night, when they were drinking together, that he had two barrels of dynamite stowed away near Richmond, and was ready to finish some of the enemies of the people.

Convention Postponed.

New York, Aug. 10.—The quadrennial convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, which was to be held in Indianapolis, has been postponed until Oct. 3. W. R. Hearst, president of the national association, today announced the postponement and explained that it was done at the desire of the national leaders, as well as the state leaders of Indiana. Mr. Bryan urged that the date be changed and the suggestion was approved by the assembly. Delegates to the number of 40,000 are expected to attend.

Telegraph Operator Killed.

Slamokin, Aug. 10.—Calvin S. Snyder, a Philadelphia and Reading railroad telegraph operator at Fawcett, near here, while returning home from work this morning on a bicycle, turned a sharp curve on the Northern Central railroad and was killed by a passenger train.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Forecast for Saturday: Partly cloudy, with showers and rain generally. Fair Saturday and Sunday; light fresh southerly winds.